A RESONATING AND STRANGE VOICE FROM A PRISON CELL... WHAT WILL COME OUT FROM THOSE WEIRD SPARKLING EYES!?

hee hee hee...
SORRY, SORRY IT'S JUST SO FUNNY TO LOOK AT YOU
SHUT UP!!
hee hee hee hee hee!!
hee hee hee hee...
HE HE HE HE HE!
WELL I GUESS I ALSO LOOK LIKE IT. IN THIS CELL
YOU'RE READING THE NEWSPAPER WITHOUT MOVING SO I WAS STARING AT YOU
SOMEHOW, YOU LOOK LIKE A DOLL

ジィプとワゴン —JEEP AND WAGON—

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JEEP AND WAGON
WITH PARIS AS THE STAGE, LET'S START THIS ADVENTURE FULL OF SPRING!
AN ANGRY CANDY SCANLATION
45 PAGES OF A STORY ON THE MECHANISM OF HOW THOSE TWO WILL TIE THEIR BONDS...!?
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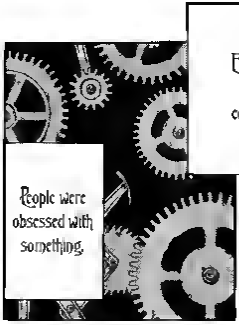
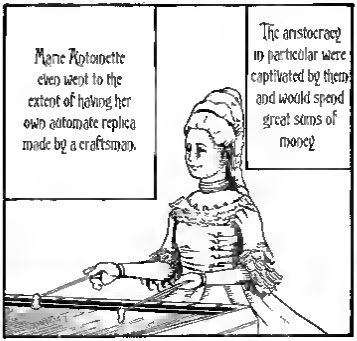
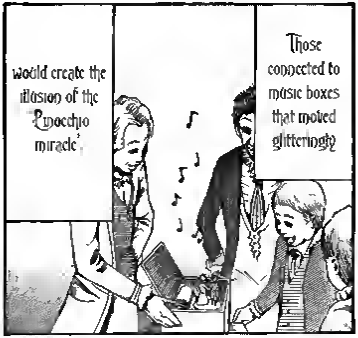
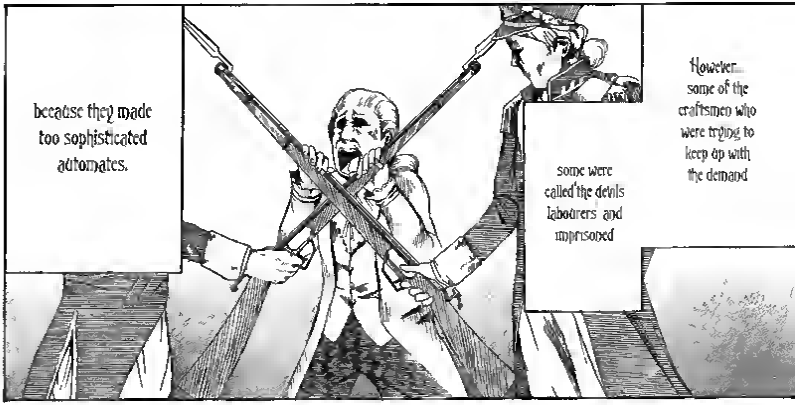
TASHIRO KENJI




Marie Antoinette even went to the extent of having her own automate replica made by a craftsman.
The aristocracy in particular were captivated by them and would spend great sums of money




because they made too sophisticated automates.
some were called the devils labourers and imprisoned
However some of the craftsmen who were trying to keep up with the demand

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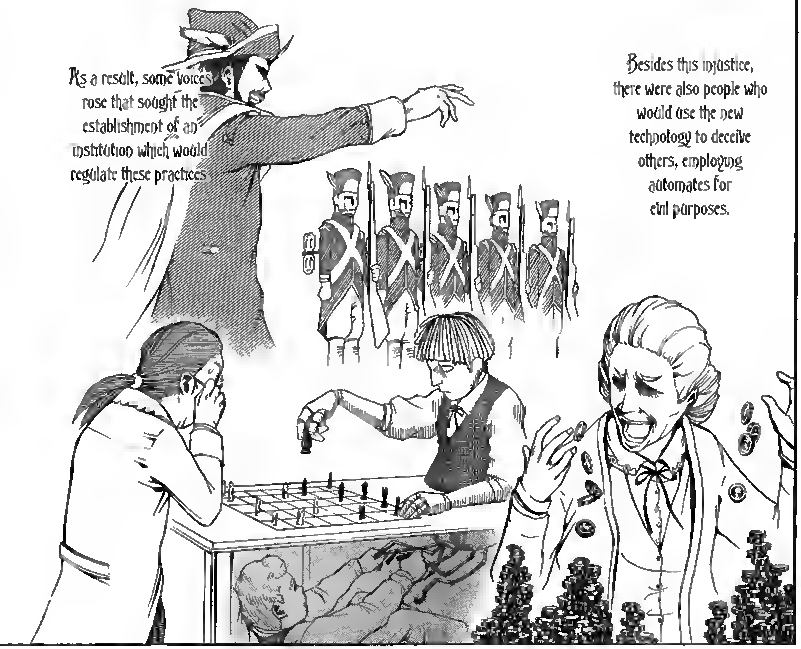
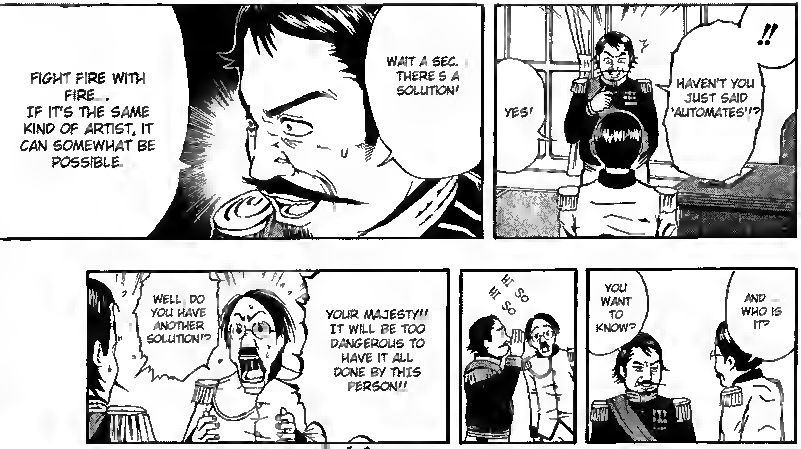

As a result, some voices rose that sought the establishment of an institution which would regulate these practices
Besides this injustice, there were also people who would use the new technology to deceive others, employing automates for evil purposes.

The appearance of an evil man has caused a sudden change in the course of events...
Now in Paris, France in the middle of the 19th century

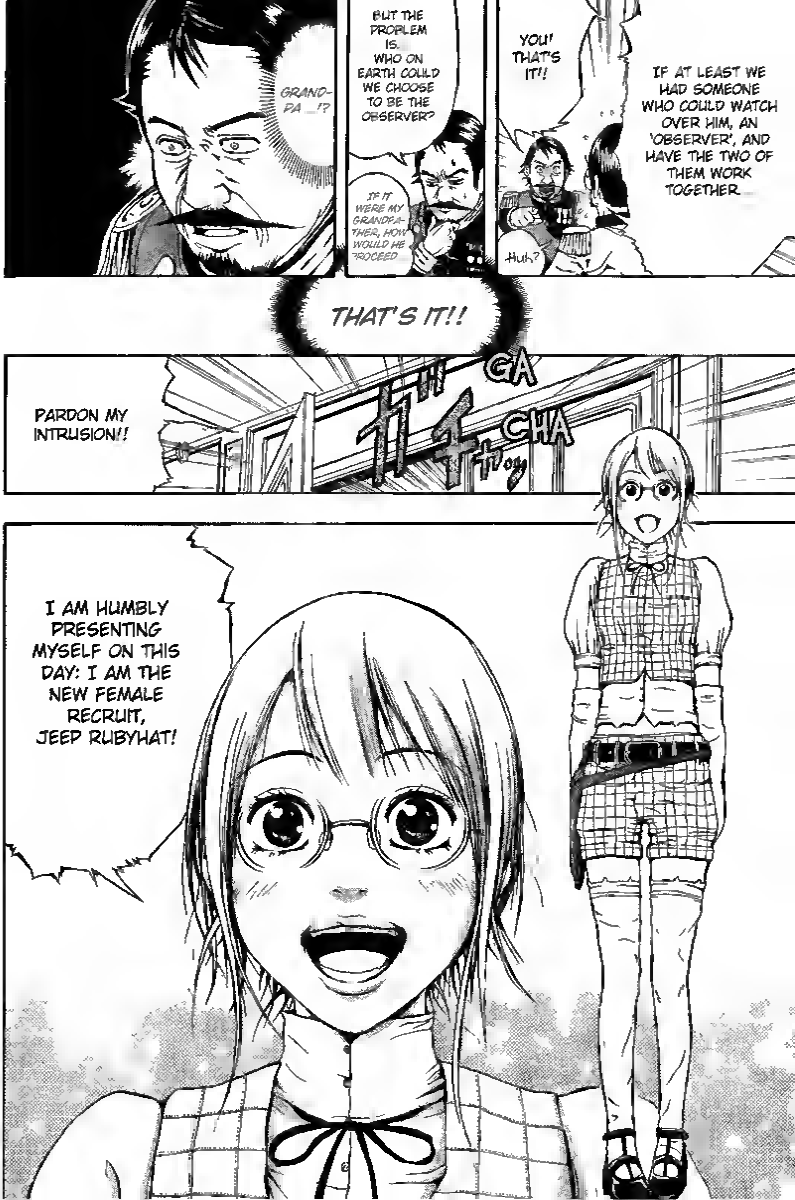
I INFORM THE FRENCH GOVERN-MENT!!

WE ARE THE 'COUNT OF WHEELS'!!
DO
FIRE!
SO
WE WILL ESTABLISH AN EMPIRE OF AUTO-MATES'!!
PARIS IS NOW OUR CITY OF ARTS!
AND WE SHALL RETALIATE WITH FORCE!
DO
GA
WE SHALL NOT FORGIVE ANY HINDRANCE...

YOU OUGHT TO FEEL HONOURED!!
YOU WHO ARE NOW PARISIAN CITIZENS WILL BECOME 'INHABITANTS' OF MY EMPIRE OF AUTOMATES!!
YOUR MAJESTY THE EMPEROR! ALL OUR ARMY HAS BEEN ANNIHILATED! THE CITY OF PARIS IS OCCUPIED!
THE FRENCH EMPEROR LOUIS NAPOLEON BONAPARTE (III)
THIS WORD WAS NOT IN MY GRANDFATHER'S DICTIONARY... GULPS!
※ PARIS LINEX ... IS THE UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN PARIS IN 1855
BLIMEY! IF SO THE ARTIST'S ELEGANCE
PERHAPS, IT IS HIS REVENGE FOLLOWING OUR RESPONSE AT THAT TIME.
ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATION, IT SEEMS THAT HE IS THE AUTOMATICIAN WHO CAUSED A COMMOTION DURING THE PARIS LINEX
FIRST OF ALL, WHO ON EARTH IS THIS GUY!?


FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE... IF IT'S THE SAME KIND OF ARTIST, IT CAN SOMEWHAT BE POSSIBLE.
WAIT A SEC. THERE'S A SOLUTION!
YES!
!!
HAVEN'T YOU JUST SAID 'AUTOMATES'!?
WELL, DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER SOLUTION!?
YOUR MAJESTY!! IT WILL BE TOO DANGEROUS TO HAVE IT ALL DONE BY THIS PERSON!!
HE SO
YOU WANT TO KNOW?
AND... WHO IS IT?

BESIDES THIS, HE'S BEEN IMPRISONED UNDERGROUND AS SOMEBODY OF THE UTMOST DANGER!!
THIS PERSON HAS BROUGHT CHAOS AT ANOTHER UNEX. HE'S LIKE THE OTHER AUTOMATICIAN!!
GO
THIS IS WHY IT MUST BE HIM!


IF AT LEAST WE HAD SOMEONE WHO COULD WATCH OVER HIM, AN 'OBSERVER', AND HAVE THE TWO OF THEM WORK TOGETHER...
YOU! THAT'S IT!!
Huh?
BUT THE PROBLEM IS... WHO ON EARTH COULD WE CHOOSE TO BE THE OBSERVER?
IF IT WERE MY GRANDFATHER, HOW WOULD HE PROCEED...
GRAND-PA...!?
THAT'S IT!!
GA
CHA
PARDON MY INTRUSION!!
I AM HUMBLY PRESENTING MYSELF ON THIS DAY: I AM THE NEW FEMALE RECRUIT, JEEP RUBYHAT!

HUM... I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'RE BRAVE AS WELL.
MY FATHER WAS A PARTICULARLY ACTIVE SOLDIER, FOR OUR COUNTRY'S SAKE... AND FOR THE SAME REASONS I HAVE JOINED THE ARMY THIS YEAR.
ARE YOU REALLY FROM THE LINEAGE RENOWNED FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY FOR GENERATIONS?
A-AH! YOU'VE REALLY COME...
YES!
R-REALLY!?
THE TRUTH IS... I'D LIKE YOU THIS TIME TO TAKE ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION.
WILL YOU ACCEPT THE POSITION OF WAGON RUBYHAT'S GUARDIAN...?
WELL...
YOU...

A MAN TOTALLY OBSESSED WITH USELESS AUTOMATES WHO CAUSED A COMMOTION AT A UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION
A FREAK AMONG OUR FAMILY, WHICH HAS OTHERWISE BEEN STRAIGHT AND SERIOUS SINCE THE LINEAGE STARTED! AN ECCENTRIC!
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I'VE BEEN TOLD MANY TIMES SINCE I WAS A CHILD
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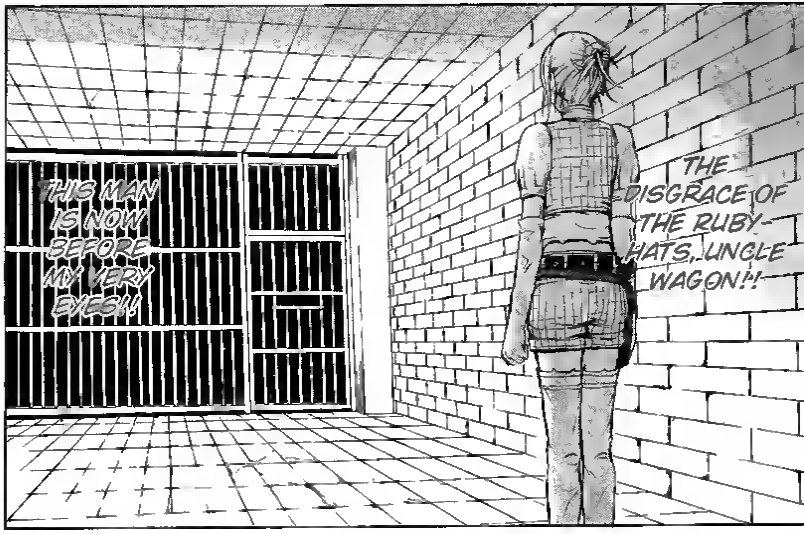
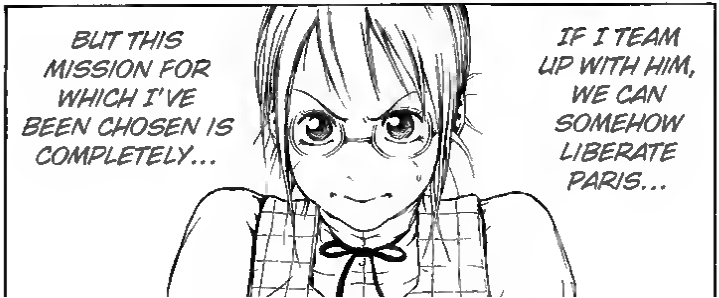

THIS MAN IS NOW BEFORE MY VERY EYES!!
THE DISGRACE OF THE RUBY-HATS, UNCLE WAGON!!


BUT THIS MISSION FOR WHICH I'VE BEEN CHOSEN IS COMPLETELY...
IF I TEAM UP WITH HIM, WE CAN SOMEHOW LIBERATE PARIS...

it was terrible there, i won't do anything to you so step in...
ZO ZO ZO
he he he he... you've heard the story, haven't you? my cute little niece!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING!
HE'S GOING TO MAKE FUN OF ME!
BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'LL GIVE IN!
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WAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!
DA
TSU
THAT WAS MY MANNER OF GREETING... FORGIVE ME, WILL YOU?
?
HA HA HA HA HA!! SORRY, SORRY FOR FRIGHTENING YOU.

JEEP-CHAN!
WOW, YOU'VE GROWN...
AH BUT YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME
.....
TO THINK THAT THE LITTLE BABY'S NOW BECOME AN ACCOMPLISHED WOMAN...
Papa
Y-YET THIS MAN IS OLDER THAN PAPA!?
AGAIN. I AM YOUR UNCLE WAGON.
HOW COME HE'S THAT YOUNG... ?

I'D LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU'D SAY!
CAUSE YOU'RE A CUTE NIECE OF COURSE!
SO THIS IS WHY YOU FREAK!!
BY CHOOSING YOU AS MY MATE AND OBSERVER, I MEAN
SO SOMEHOW... NAPOLEON'S NEPHEW THOUGHT THE SAME THING, UH
WHAT REASON FOR?
Whoopee! We've shaken hands!
PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE HIS MENTAL AGE IS THAT OF A CHILD?
I'VE PREPARED LOTS OF STUFF FOR THIS DAY SO TRUST ME! HERE, YOUR PACK!
IT'S OK! I KNOW THE SITUATION TO SOME EXTENT AND ON TOP OF THAT, THE FELLOW IS A BROTHER.
WE HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A PLAN YET...
WHAT!
ALL RIGHT! SO LET'S GO AT ONCE TO THE OCCUPIED PARIS!
I WONDER IF IT'S REALLY OK...
Now then, let's set off!

INDEED SINCE HE'S BEEN IMPRISONED FOR SO LONG, HE DOESN'T FEEL SAFE OUTSIDE
THIS IS THE OCCUPIED PARIS IT'S AS IF IT'S ANOTHER CITY...
O。
ONCE IN PARIS
WAGON-SAN
PLEASE, BE MANLY
Ouch!!
DO
BA
TSU
N
YOU HAVE BROKEN OFF ALL BONDS WITH OUR CLAN .
I WILL EXPLAIN CLEARLY SINCE IT HAS COME UP.
JUST FEEL FREE TO CALL ME WAGON-OJISAN .
EXCUSE ME!
I TELL YOU, IT'S OK! YOU NEEDN'T BE SO FORMAL!

I GREW UP BEING TOLD THAT YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO OUR LINEAGE
THEREFORE, AS FOR ME, YOU ARE NOTHING LESS THAN A COMPLETE STRANGER.. PLEASE BEAR THAT IN MIND.
TSSK
THEY USE THE SAME RIGID UPBRINGING METHODS AS EVER, IN THIS CLAN...
ANYWAY, LET'S MOVE ON AND HURRY UP, JEEP-CHAN!
EH.. O-OKAY...
HMPH...
GO OOOOO
WHA! WHAT IS IT? THERE!!
GO OOOOO
YEAH.. WHAT COULD IT BE..

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU KNEW THE SITUATION TO SOME EXTENT!
WAIT!
OH? I DID?
That's too much!!
DA
N
OH NOOOO, IT'S COMING HERE!!
It's not working!?

GA TSU
ARGH!! IT'S FOLLOWING US!!
GA GA GA N
FOR THE TIME BEING, LET'S CLE- R OFF!
BO
N
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
GO N GO N
GU HA A A
SU SU KIRI KIRI
KI KI
IT'S DOLLS PLAYTIME..
KI KI

BO WA A
ALL RIGHT. MEANWHILE...
BO WA A
IT'S AN AUTOMATE I'VE REMODELLED INTO WHAT I CALL 'THE SMOKER'!
IS IT SMOKE!?
DO
KA
A
BU
N
KYAA!! HOW COME!!?
DO
IT'S A PRIMITIVE MACHINE WHICH CAN ONLY REPEAT THE MOVEMENTS 'RUNNING' AND 'WAVING SWORD'!
THE SMOKE MAKES IT CLEAR. IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE AUTOMATE I'VE BUILT
IT'S THE CONTRARY.
EH?
WH. WHAT AN ALMIGHTY MACHINE!

WE UNCONSCIOUSLY ATTRACT THEM WITH OUR BODIES WE CAN ONLY THINK OF DOING 'SOMETHING' ABOUT THAT.
IF SO, WHY EXACTLY IS IT FOLLOWING US?
SAYING THAT, HOW...
KYAA!!
BA
TA
N
YOU OKAY!?
OF COURSE!
THE GROUND ...?

AS SOON AS WE CLIMBED ON THE ROOF TOP. WHY ON EARTH...

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THEY'VE STOPPED MOVING...

THE KEYBOARD PRODUCES A SOUND DOESN'T IT? THEN, IF THE MOUSE MOVES ONTO ANOTHER KEY. A DIFFERENT SOUND WILL BE PRODUCED

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WHEN A MOUSE STEPS ON A PIANO KEYBOARD

A MOUSE?

THE ANSWER IS 'A MOUSE ON KEYBOARDS'!

BY TREADING ON THE PAVERS, WE OURSELVES WERE DIRECTING THEM!

THEN...

IT'S BECAUSE THIS GROUND PERFORMS LIKE A 'KEYBOARD'

IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE THE MICE...

AND NOW ...
IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS HIS HEADQUARTERS ..
IS THE ENTIRE CITY, ISN'T IT?
THEN, WHAT HAPPENS TO BE THE PIANO...
AND... WAIT A SECOND!!
AND THIS MECHANISM IS MOST LIKELY OPERATING ONLY WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL'S WEIGHT CAN BE DETECTED...
LOOKS LIKE OUR OPPONENT'S PRETTY "NUTTY". UH...

TWO GUESTS WITH SOME BACKBONE HAVE APPEARED IN OUR PIECE OF ART!! I'M SOOOO HAPPY!!
MWA HA HA
ER.. WAGON-SAN...
I'VE HEARD IT'S THE REASON YOU WERE IMPRISONED.
THE INCIDENT AT THE LINEX...
.....
THAT'S NOT IT!!
WHAT? NEED A WEE-WEE?

I DO LIKE 'AUTOMATES' BECAUSE THEY'RE TOTALLY FILLED WITH THAT
ME, HUH? YOU SEE, MY REASON FOR LIVING IS TO SURPRISE PEOPLE AND ENTERTAIN THEM
KIRI
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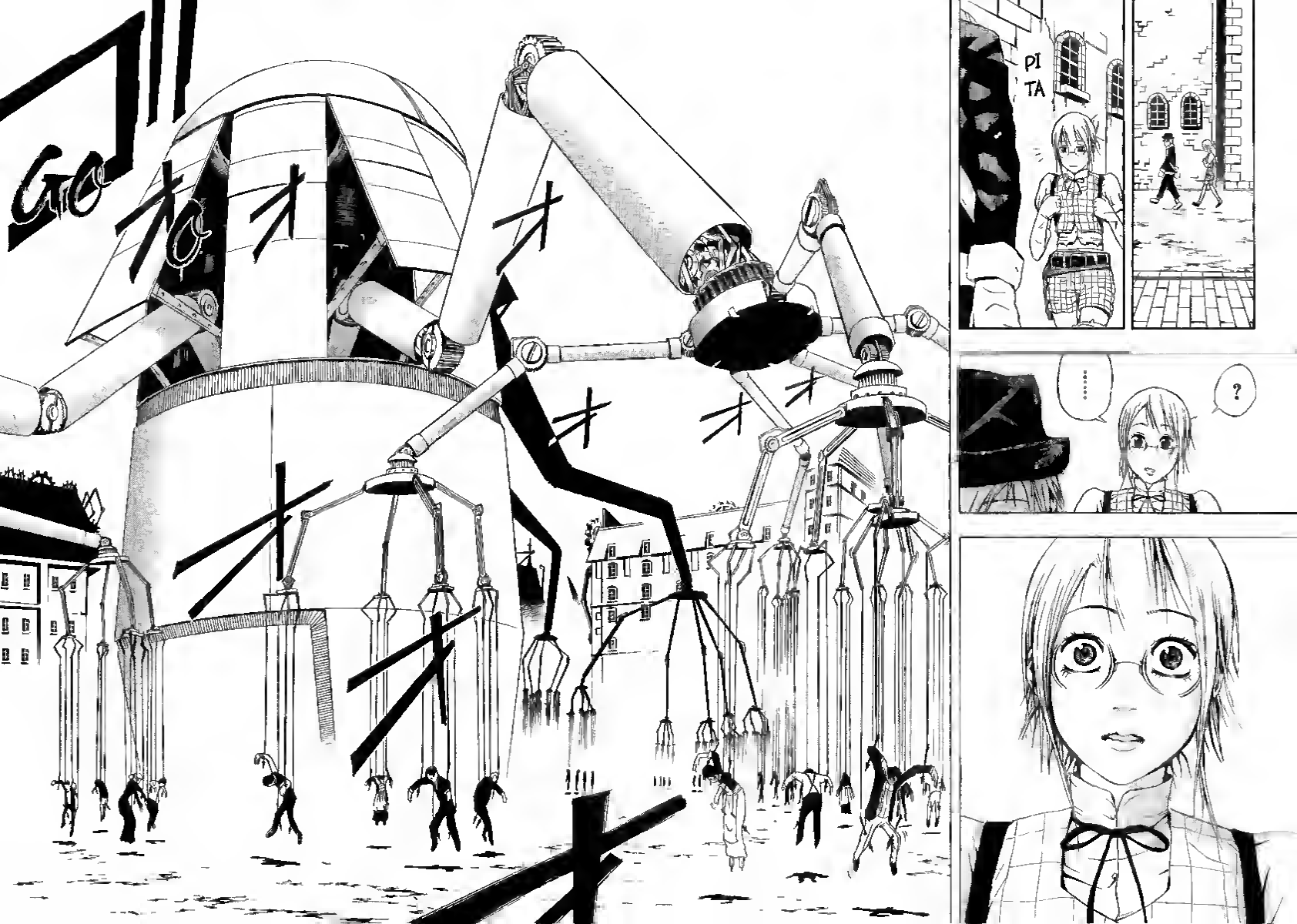
KIRI
.....
BUT TO BE IMPRISONED UNDERGROUND... WHATEVER HAVE YOU DONE.....?
SU...

.....
OKAY, TALK'S OVER!
YET, I GUESS I CARRIED IT A BIT TOO FAR....
KATA
KATA
KATA
I ONLY HAD THIS INTENTION AT THAT TIME...

SO, WHAT ON EARTH?
HE'S SURELY WEIRD BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S A BAD PERSON
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S BEEN JAILED FOR YEARS BECAUSE OF THAT...
SURPRISING PEOPLE WITH 'AUTOMATES'
IT'S SAFE BELOW NOW! LET'S GO DOWN
AH, LOOK! IT'S SOIL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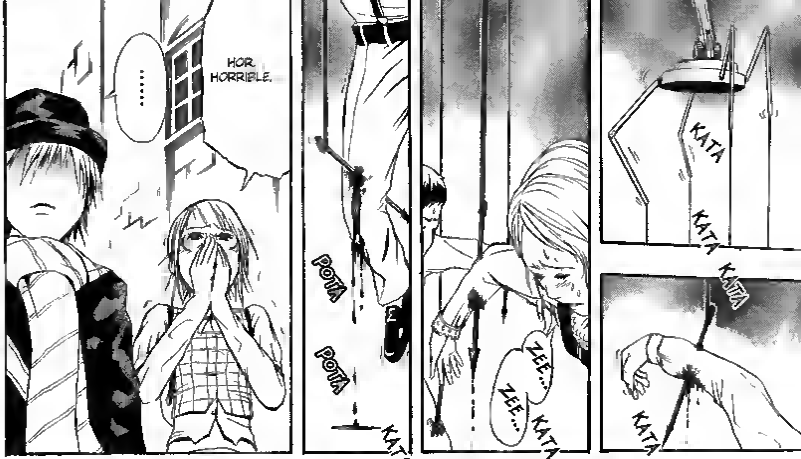
HOR HORRIPLE.
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POTA
POTA
KATA
ZEE…
ZEE…
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THE 'MARIONETTE INHABITANTS'!
PARIS' NEW SPECIALITY
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!?

WHAT DO YOU THINK...? ABOUT OUR PIECE OF ART, THE EMPIRE OF AUTOMATES
THIS IS WHY WE'VE TAUGHT THEM A LESSON IN THE GRANDEUR OF OUR ART!!
THIS .. THIS IS ANYTHING BUT ART!!
EVEN WORSE. THEY CRITICISED THE WORK IN WHICH WE WERE CONFIDENT AT THE PARIS UNEX
WHY SUCH A THING!!
YOU SEE, FRANCE AND PARIS REFUSED TO ACCEPT OUR ART...

HO HO! LO AND BEHOLD, SOMEONE UNDERSTANDS IT!
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF MAKING THE WHOLE CITY A PIECE OF ART, LET ALONE MAKING THE INHABITANTS THEMSELVES PART OF IT! AMAZING!!
THAT'S AWESOME!
WAGON-SAN...
EH!?
KATA
KATA
KATA
ENJOYABLE, ISN'T IT? HILARIOUS, ISN'T IT? MWAHAHAHA!! MWAHAHAHA!!
LOOK! THIS ONE DANCES AS I WISH! OI! OI!
KUI
KUI
THIS MAN..
REALLY...
.....I WAS STUPID...

DEPISCABLE MAN!
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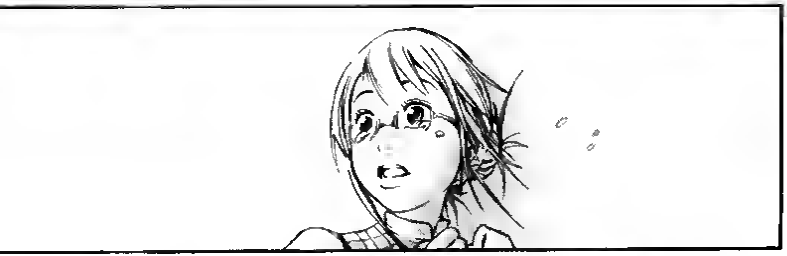

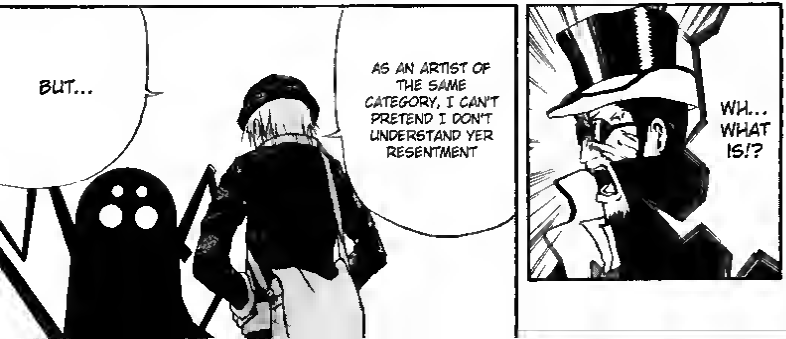
BUT...
AS AN ARTIST OF THE SAME CATEGORY, I CAN'T PRETEND I DON'T UNDERSTAND YER RESENTMENT
WH... WHAT IS!?

YOU IMPOSE YOUR SELFISH FEELINGS
YER JUST SELF-RIGHTEOUS
THIS TRAVESTY IS THE RESULT OF THAT WAY OF THINKING!
'IF PEOPLE AROUND ME DON'T UNDERSTAND, THEN IT'S OKAY TO MANIPULATE THEM AS IT SUITS ME ..'
BASI-CALLY, IT'S LIKE THAT
GO
GO
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GO
GO
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
SHUDDUP!!
PIN
PIN
PIN
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SHUT UP
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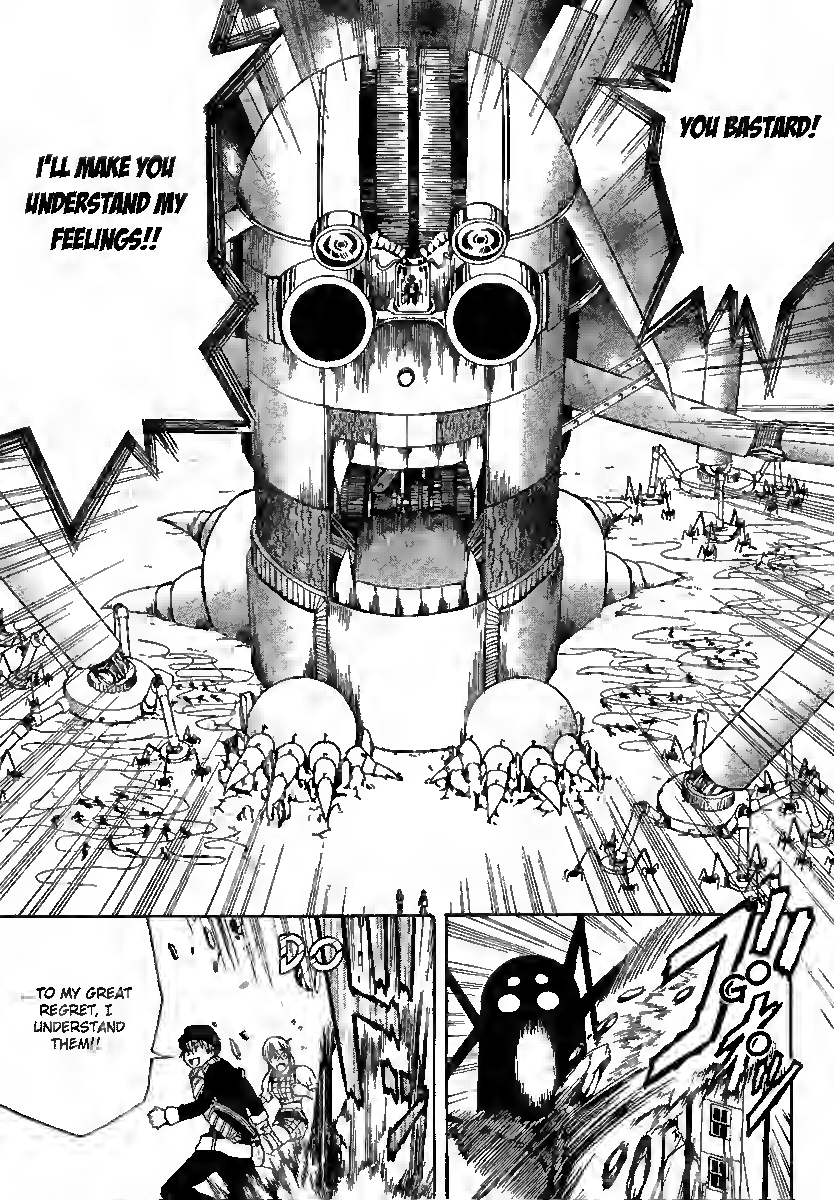
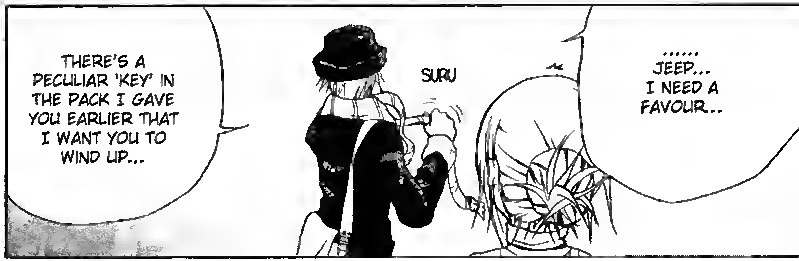
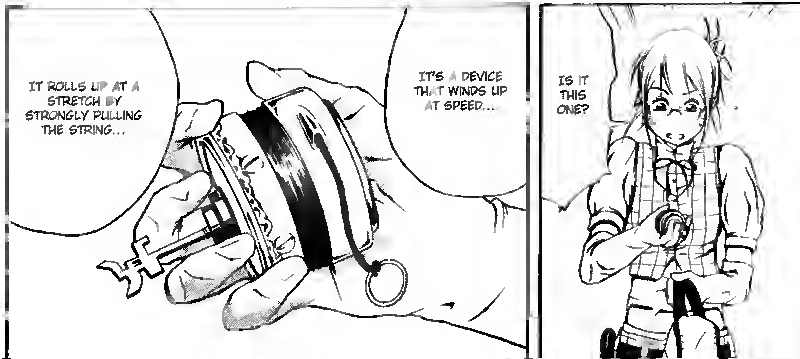

I'LL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS!!
YOU BASTARD!
GUOOO

KNIP TALKING!!
BU
UN
WAA
.....
HA HA
AND THEN, I WAS SO DESPERATE I LOST SIGHT OF MYSELF ALONG WITH THE DESIRE TO SURPRISE PEOPLE
IN THE PAST, I HAPPENED TO NOT HAVE MY AUTOMATES UNDERSTOOD BY ANYBODY...
I WAS IN WHAT YOU'D CALL A SLUMP, YOU SEE


THERE'S A PECULIAR 'KEY' IN THE PACK I GAVE YOU EARLIER THAT I WANT YOU TO WIND UP...
SURU
.....
JEEP... I NEED A FAVOUR...


IT ROLLS UP AT A STRETCH BY STRONGLY PULLING THE STRING...
IT'S A DEVICE THAT WINDS UP AT SPEED...
IS IT THIS ONE?

I'D LIKE YOU TO WIND IT UP...
SO...
N-N-N-N NO KIDDING!?
THE UNEX... AND THE REASON FOR YOUR IMPRISONMENT...
INDEED. I MUST REALLY BE A FOOL... NOW, HURRY UP!
I'LL CRUSH YOU!!
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CA
CA

KA TA
KA TA
KA CHIY AN
KA CHIY AN

THE REASON IS, I'VE MADE SOME IMPROVEMENTS!!
GA
SHAT
BBBUUUZZZZ

B-BASTARD... YOU'VE MADE YOUR OWN BODY INTO AN 'AUTOMATE'!?
THE IDEA WAS ORIGINALLY TO SURPRISE AND ENTERTAIN PEOPLE BUT...
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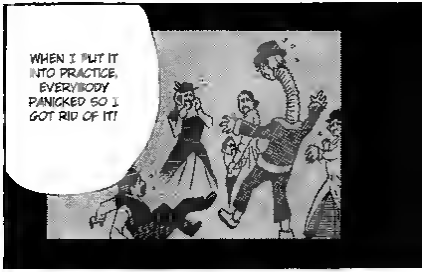
WHEN I PUT IT INTO PRACTICE, EVERYBODY PANICKED SO I GOT RID OF IT!

WELL... THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY FOR HIS CUTE NIECE, THIS UNCLE HAS GOT TO GIVE A HELPING HAND...

"GUY WHO FIGHTS AGAINST THE WICKED"!!
I'M NOW IN THE MODE...

G'MERE!
Y-YES
WHAT!?
WAIT WHY...
LET'S GO!
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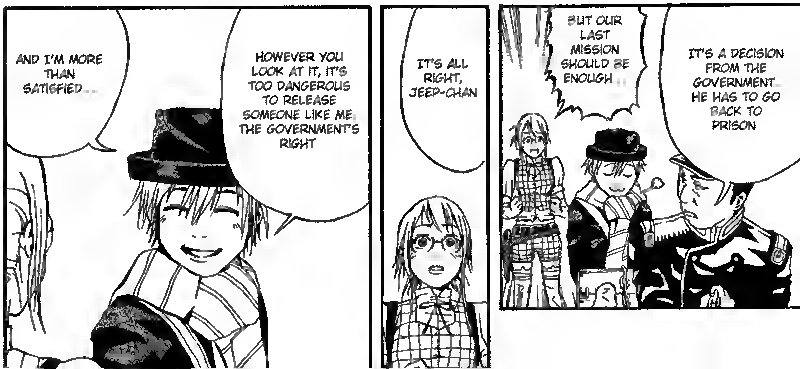
AND I'M MORE THAN SATISFIED...
HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO RELEASE SOMEONE LIKE ME. THE GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT
IT'S ALL RIGHT, JEEP-CHAN
BUT OUR LAST MISSION SHOULD BE ENOUGH...
IT'S A DECISION FROM THE GOVERNMENT... HE HAS TO GO BACK TO PRISON

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SHORT, IT WAS FUN ... JEEP-CHAN!
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WAGON... SAN...
.....
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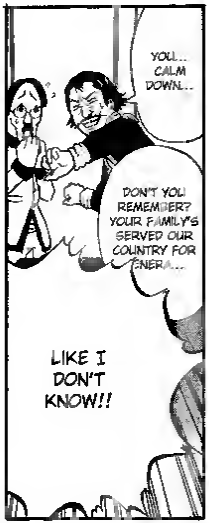
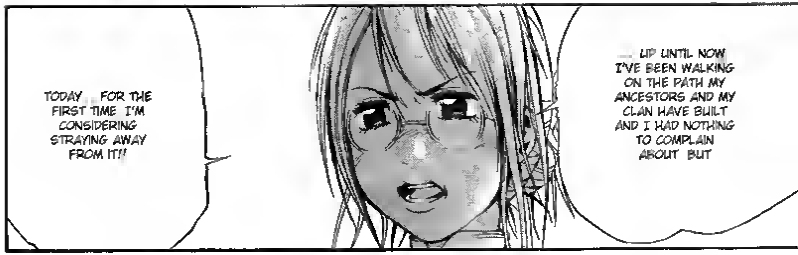
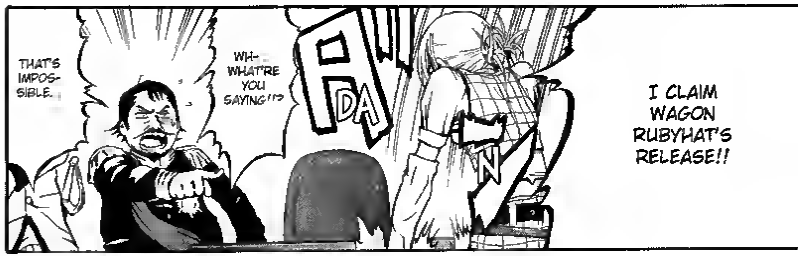
DAA

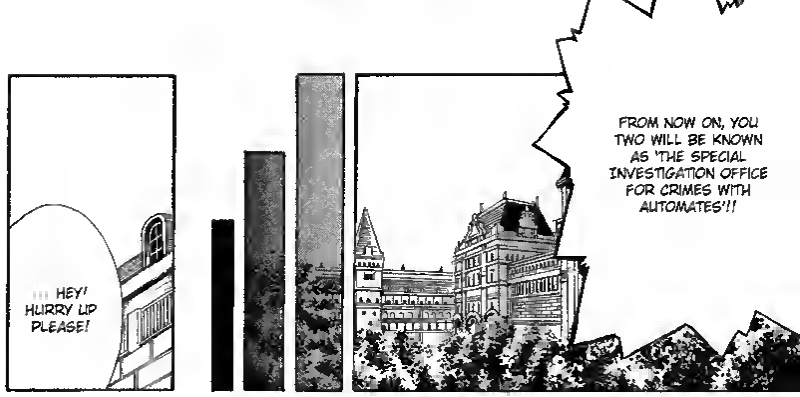

YOU... CALM DOWN...
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOUR FAMILY'S SERVED OUR COUNTRY FOR GENER...
LIKE I DON'T KNOW!!

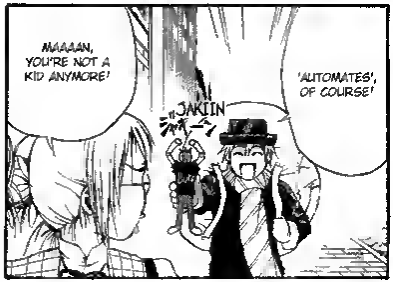
DON'T JOKE AROUND WITH ME!!!

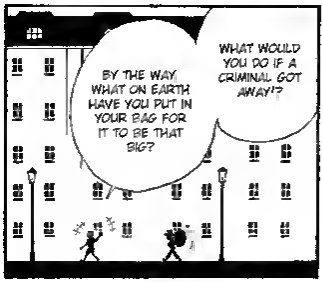

TODAY... FOR THE FIRST TIME I'M CONSIDERING STRAYING AWAY FROM IT!!
... UP UNTIL NOW I'VE BEEN WALKING ON THE PATH MY ANCESTORS AND MY CLAN HAVE BUILT AND I HAD NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT BUT

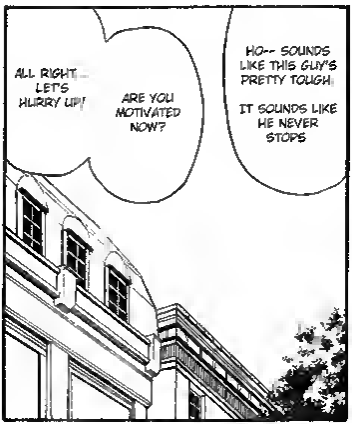

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
WH-WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!!?
I CLAIM WAGON RUBYHAT'S RELEASE!!

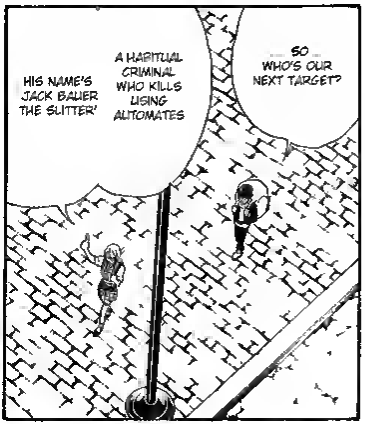
B-B-BUT... IF WE RELEASED HIM AND IF HE WERE TO FALL INTO SOME EVIL PERSON'S HANDS...
HE IS NOT A THING!!
CLICK
IF SO, I'LL KILL MYSELF HERE AND THEN I'LL CURSE YOU FOREVER AND EVER!!
WAIT!! BEING CURSED IS BOTHERSOME!!
LETTING HIM RUN LOOSE WITH THIS POWER OF HIS IS TOO DANGEROUS!
EVEN SO!
YO! THAT'S IT!
AT LEAST, IF FOR EXAMPLE WE COULD APPOINT SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF HIM...
EH?
.....
YOU CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND IT BEST!
LET'S TEAM THOSE TWO UP TOGETHER!
RECENTLY... WEREN'T WE ASKED TO SET UP A DIVISION TO TACKLE THESE SORT OF CRIMES?

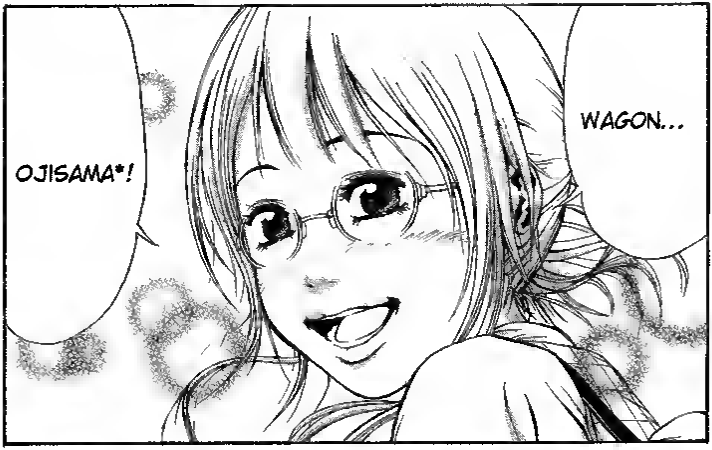

FROM NOW ON, YOU TWO WILL BE KNOWN AS 'THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR CRIMES WITH AUTOMATES'!!
HEY! HURRY UP PLEASE!


MAAAN, YOU'RE NOT A KID ANYMORE!
JAKIIN
'AUTOMATES', OF COURSE!


BY THE WAY, WHAT ON EARTH HAVE YOU PUT IN YOUR BAG FOR IT TO BE THAT BIG?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF A CRIMINAL GOT AWAY!?


ALL RIGHT... LET'S HURRY UP!
ARE YOU MOTIVATED NOW?
HO-- SOUNDS LIKE THIS GUY'S PRETTY TOUGH.
IT SOUNDS LIKE HE NEVER STOPS


HIS NAME'S JACK BAUER THE SLITTER'
A HABITUAL CRIMINAL WHO KILLS USING AUTOMATES
...SO WHO'S OUR NEXT TARGET?



*OJISAMA - UNCLE

'JEEP & WAGON' WAS BORN
NO WAY! I'LL NEVER SAY IT AGAIN
HEY HEY! SAY IT ANOTHER TIME PLEASE!
THUS, THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TEAM WHICH MANAGES AUTOMATE-RELATED CASES,
OUCH! SO COOOLD!
WITH THE SPRING BACK IN THEIR STEP, THOSE TWO STEP FORWARD WITH BRIGHT SMILES!

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JEEP & WAGON

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